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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KIICHIRO TAKAHASHI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: 09/678,020) : Group Art Unit: 2622
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under
37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under
37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is
directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form
PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the
non-English document can be found in the specification at
page 2 and in the English-language abstract submitted
herewith.

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The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
09/679,343	10/04/00	2854

A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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